

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

[SRI VINAY S VS. SMT KARUNA SINDHU]

24.03.2026

(VIDEO CONFERENCING / PHYSICAL HEARING)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAYANT BANERJI
and
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH RAI K

ORAL ORDER

(PER: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAYANT BANERJI)

When the matter was listed on 12.02.2026, the following
order was passed:

1. *"Sri. G.A Gopi, learned Advocate appears for the respondent and states that he has been served with a notice. As such, the office objection in this regard is set aside.*
2. *Admit.*
3. *The learned counsel for the parties state that the parties are willing to explore the possibility of a negotiated settlement and the matter be referred to the Karnataka Mediation Centre, Bengaluru.*
4. *As such, the parties are directed to appear before the Karnataka Mediation Centre, Bengaluru at 03:00 p.m on 17.02.2026.*
5. *The parties shall appear on every date fixed for mediation in the Karnataka Mediation Centre. Failure to appear on any date fixed by any of the parties shall entail imposition of costs on that party.*
6. *List these matters along with the report of the Mediation Centre on 24.03.2026.*

7. *The interim order granted earlier in M.F.A.No.8136/2025 shall continue till the next date of listing. "*

The report of the mediation centre is available. In the remarks column, it is mentioned as follows:

"Despite involving the Appellant/Husband in the mediation process for about 55 minutes. He was unwilling to participate insisted to send the matter back to the court."

We find the conduct of the husband / appellant improper inasmuch as it was at behest of both the parties that the matter was referred for the mediation yet the husband chose, despite appearing before the mediation centre, not to participate in the process and insisted on sending the matter back to the Court. Therefore, we deem it fit to impose cost of Rs.1,000/- on the appellant which shall be deposited within one week from today, failing which, the amount shall be recovered from the appellant as fine within one month thereafter. This amount of cost shall be paid to the wife.

In M.F.A.No.7375/2025, I.A.No.1/2026 is filed by the respondent – wife seeking interim maintenance.

Learned counsel for the appellant prays for and is granted
two weeks time to file response to the same.

List these matters on 15.04.2026.

**(JAYANT BANERJI)
JUDGE**

**(RAJESH RAI K)
JUDGE**

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